



Claims

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1. A method for treating sexual dysfunction in a human in need thereof, said method comprising administering to the human an effective amount of atomoxetine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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2. The method of claim 1 wherein the atomoxetine is atomoxetine HCl.

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3. The method of claim 1 wherein the amount of atomoxetine is administered in an oral dose comprising about 10 milligrams to about 100 milligrams of atomoxetine per dose.

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4. The method of claim 1 wherein the amount of atomoxetine is administered in a topical (sublingual or buccal) dose comprising about 10 milligrams to about 100 milligrams of atomoxetine per dose.

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5. The method of claim 1 wherein atomoxetine is formulated in a dosage unit with a carrier that has a time release mechanism.

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6. The method of claim 1 wherein atomoxetine is administered with a therapeutic having a mechanism of action different from atomoxetine.

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7. The method of claim 1 wherein said human is a female.

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8. The method of claim 1 wherein said human is a male.

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9. The method of claim 1 wherein the sexual dysfunction is a sexual desire disorder.

- [0010] 10. The method of claim 1 wherein the sexual dysfunction is a sexual arousal disorder.
- [0011] 11. The method of claim 1 wherein the sexual dysfunction is an orgasmic disorder.
- [0012] 12. The method of claim 1 wherein the sexual dysfunction is premature ejaculation.
- [0013] 13. The method of claim 1 wherein the sexual dysfunction results from a general medical condition.
- [0014] 14. The method of claim 1 wherein the sexual dysfunction is induced by a substance.
- [0015] 15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a formulation which includes atomoxetine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a carrier therefore; the formulation being in a therapeutically effective amount to treat sexual dysfunction in a human in need thereof, the sexual dysfunction being taken from a group comprising sexual desire, arousal, orgasmic and premature ejaculation disorders.
- [0016] 16. The composition of claim 15 wherein the atomoxetine is formulated in a dosage unit comprising about 10 milligrams to about 100 milligrams of atomoxetine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- [0017] 17. The composition of claim 15 wherein the carrier has a time release mechanism.
- [0018] 18. The composition of claim 15 wherein the formulation further includes a therapeutic with a mechanism of action different from atomoxetine.